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**THIS SKIPPER  
AN OPTIMIST.**

There is one captain who comes in to the port of Portland who is an optimist, says the Portland Press. He is Martin Christiansen, skipper of the Gloucester fisherman Marsala.

The Marsala arrived here Tuesday morning from a two weeks' fishing trip to the Georges banks. Capt. Christiansen is a willing talker, but he sees no gloom in anything. Asked if the dogfish bothered him any, he said:

"Accidentally we ran upon some, but they did not trouble us to any great extent."

When questioned in regard to the weather, he said:

"On this baiting of two weeks, the weather was beautiful, beautiful. We caught fish all the time, 8000 pounds of halibut and 30,000 pounds of salt cod. But on our last trip, it was poor, awful poor. Still we got 8000 pounds of halibut then. That means we have landed 16,000 pounds in four weeks. On this trip today we shall stock about \$2000, so it is not bad, not bad."

It is because he is so cheerful over things that the skipper is so successful. In addition to the absence of dogfish, the skipper reported the presence of large quantities of small herring on Georges. No mackerel were to be seen.

Numerous ocean steamships are crossing the banks these days and Capt. Christiansen said that many of them are coming a little too near the fishermen. While he was fishing, four were not more than a stone's throw distant. In thick weather, the hazard would be great. It is evident that the ships are laying their course more to the northward for they are passing to the east instead of to the south of the lightship.

**Portland Fish Notes.**

Big herring have temporarily disappeared from the Maine coast and bluebacks have made their appearance. The first landed in Portland were brought in by the sloop Alice G., Monday. Sixty barrels were landed for the Central Wharf Storage company.

According to the men on the little sloop, the water was filled with bluebacks off the Cod ledges. If this is so, then there will be a grand rush to the spot, for this kind of fish is liked even better than herring for bait.

Two more trips of bluebacks were brought in Tuesday. The steamer Carrie and Mildred had 40 barrels and the schooner Onaway had 50 barrels.

All the skippers now coming into port report that the weather has been so unusually calm that they have hardly had wind enough to fill their sails. The ocean has been said to be "as smooth as a smelt."

**Porto Rico Fish Notes.**

S. Ramirez & Co., of San Juan, report June 11: Under pressure of more liberal arrivals this week, and the general stagnation of business at this time of the year prices have eased off somewhat. Recent sales have been closed at \$30 for large and \$29.50 for medium codfish, net ex wharf. Receipts of pollock and haddock have been lighter but we cannot report any improvement in values. We quote at from \$16 to \$16.50, net ex wharf.

Since last report, June 4, the arrivals have been: San Juan, 368 tcs. and 14 drums cod, 23 tcs. pollock, 19 tcs. haddock, 58 bbls. fish and 175 bbls. bloaters. At Ponce, 757 tcs. and 100 bxs. cod, 21 tcs. pollock, 19 tcs. haddock, 40 bbls. fish and 250 bbls. bloaters. At Mayaguez, 152 tcs. cod, 25 tcs. pollock, 5 tcs. haddock, 25 tcs. dry fish and 25 bbls. bloaters.

**In Hard Luck.**

According to information received here from the Portland schooner Dorcas, Capt. Joseph Graham, that craft played in a bit of hard luck last week. While looking for herring off Block Island, an immense school was sighted and the nets were placed around the fish. It looked like an immense haul, but the fish were so heavy that the nets broke and the fare was lost.

**Struck and Came Off Again.**

Sch. Romance, Capt. Joseph Lacey while bound to the southward, cruising for mackerel went aground near Billingsgate Life-Saving Station, Cape Cod yesterday, but later came off again, with but little of any damage.

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**Shows a Shortage.**

The annual report of the Newfoundland fisheries shows a shortage in the export of 319,549 quintals, with a decrease in valuation of \$763,174.

The stocks of codfish at present on hand are even smaller than at a similar date last year, which was much below the average, owing largely to the shortage to the westward and to the shipment of some 60,000 quintals of green fish to the American continent.

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**VERY DULL ON  
GROUND FISH.**

**T WHARF DEALERS NOT ANXIOUS  
TODAY, HADDOCK DOWN TO  
75 CENTS.**

T wharf had 17 arrivals this morning, 14 with fresh fish, two with porgies and one from mackerel seining, but outside of mackerel, fresh fish trade was rather dull and prices correspondingly low.

Sch. Clintonia has 300 fresh mackerel. Sch. Sadie L. Palmer landed 40 swordfish which sold at 10 and 9 cents a pound. Two of the gasoline steamers also arrived at the dock with porgies, steamer Joanna, Capt. John Barrett having 150 barrels and steamer Netta, 65 barrels.

Haddock was the lowest for several weeks, sales being from 75 cents to \$2 a hundred weight. Large cod dropped to \$2 to \$3, market cod, \$1.65 to \$2.50, pollock, \$2 and halibut, nine cents for white and five cents for grays.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 33,000 haddock, 900 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Ripple, 65,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Joanna, 150 bbls. fresh porgies.

Sch. Netta, 65 bbls. fresh porgies.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 2000 haddock, 2200 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1500 halibut.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 17,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 23,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 80,000 cod, 6000 hake, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 40,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Amelia Enos, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 1000 haddock, 4000 cod, 8000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 35,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Galatea, 12,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Swell, 71,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Clintonia, 3000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Sadie L. Palmer, 40 swordfish.

Haddock, 75 cts. to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$3; market cod, \$1.65 to \$2.50; halibut, 9 cents for white and 5 cents for gray; pollock, \$2.

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**MACKEREL FARE  
IN AT NEWPORT.**

**SCH. FRANCES S. GRUEBY HAS 3006  
FRESH ONES TAKEN OFF THE  
LIGHTSHIP.**

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, Capt. Enos Nickerson arrived at Newport yesterday with 3006 fresh mackerel which were taken off the South Shoal Lightship and shipped her fish to Boston.

The only other arrival was sch. W. H. Clements which landed 600 fresh mackerel at Newport. Information received this morning states that the bulk of the fleet are cruising off the South Shoal Lightship and several schools of mackerel have been seen, but the fish are running wild.

One tinker mackerel was taken in the traps off Lanesville this morning.

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Sylvia consisting of 90 barrels, sold to Sylvanus Smith & Company at \$11, and 15 barrels, that of sch. Ralph L. Hall, to the Gloucester Salt Fish company at the same figures.

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**A LOT OF FISH  
DOWN TO SPLIT.**

**FULLY 250,000 POUNDS HERE THIS  
MORNING FROM BOSTON IN  
FIVE CRAFTS.**

Owing to the dull market at Boston yesterday, five of the fleet at T wharf are here this morning with part of their fares to split, having about 250,000 pounds among them.

Schs. Mildred Robinson, Mary F. Sears, Francis V. Sylvia and Mary DeCosta brought down 50,000 pounds each and sch. Mary P. Goulart 40,000 pounds.

Sch. Elk, Capt. Charles Colson, arrived from Georges yesterday afternoon with 8000 pounds of halibut, 40,000 pounds of fresh fish and 10,000 pounds of salt cod. The halibut were purchased by the American Halibut Company at 6 1-2 cents a pound for white and 4 1-2 cents a pound for gray.

This morning sch. Preceptor arrived from Portland with 6000 pounds of salt cod.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Elk, Georges, 8000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Silveria, seining, 90 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining, 15 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Magnolia, shore.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, shore.

**Vessels Sailed.**

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, salt trawl banking.

Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Lenora Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Shenandoah, seining.

Sch. Sylvia, seining.

Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, swordfishing.

**TODAY'S FISH MARKET.**

**Salt Fish.**

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87 1-2; snappers, \$2.00.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87 1-2. snappers, \$2.00.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1-2; mediums, \$3.50.

Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37 1-2.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Hake, \$1.25.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$11 per bbl.

**Fresh Fish.**

Haddock, 70c per cwt.

Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.65; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gulled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 70c.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.00; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.

Bank halibut 6 cents per lb. for white and 4 cents for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 19 cents for large, 16 cents for medium.

**Good Stock and Share.**

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Fred Morrissey, stocked \$8335 as the result of her salt trawl banking trip, the crew sharing \$185 clear.

**Halibut at Portland.**

Sch. Yakima is at Portland today with 18,000 pounds of Halibut.

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**DEALERS SAY  
TRADE IS QUIET.**

**FOUR GROUND FISH TRIPS IN AT  
T WHARF TODAY AND ONE  
SWORDFISH FARE.**

T wharf had but five arrivals to report this morning, one with swordfish and four with mixed fares of ground fish.

The steam trawlers Crest and Surf had 26,000 pounds and 57,000 pounds each, while sch. Buema brought in 23,000 weight and sch. Washakie, 27,000 pounds.

The Sabine has 32 swordfish which sold at 10 1/2c and 11 1/2c a pound.

Trade in fresh fish was quiet, with prices correspondingly low. Haddock brought from \$1 to \$1.25 a hundred weight, large cod, \$3 and market cod \$2. Hake sold at 75c to \$1.50 and halibut at 9c a pound right through.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Sabine 32 swordfish.

Sch. Buema, 20,000 haddock, 300 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Washakie, 18,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Crest, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Surf, 40,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 400 hake.

Haddock, \$1 to \$1.25 per cwt., large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, 75 cents to \$1.50; halibut, 9 cents per lb. for white and for gray; swordfish, 10 1-2 cents and 11 1-4 cents per lb.

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**SWORDFISH  
YARNS AGAIN.**

Two thrilling adventures were related Wednesday by the crews of schs. A. D. Willard and Sahuntala, which arrived at T wharf from swordfishing trips.

The desperate adventure of Tony Dexter of the Willard reads like a page from a novel. A few days ago a swordfish was sighted and a "lily" iron thrown from the deck of the schooner found its mark. Dexter climbed into a boat and started in pursuit. He overtook the fish, when it turned and drove its sword through the side of the boat.

The dory was overturned, and the swordfish then made a desperate lunge at Tony, who dived under the overturned boat. After more attacks on the boat the fish withdrew.

The crew of the Willard, who had gone to the rescue, were surprised to see Tony emerge unscratched by the attack.

The cook of the Sahuntala was out in a dory, when without warning his boat was also attacked. The "sword" came clear through the side, and as the fish tried to slash clear the quick-witted cook says he fastened a hitch and tied "the snout" to the gunwale. This had the effect of slowly choking the monster to death.

**Made Good Money.**

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney, stocked \$2500 on her recent halibuting trip, the crew share averaging \$60 to a man.